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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" There is certainly a vast surplus over the expenses but as regards the collection, compared to this year and the previous year, I have no idea."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR:—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விற்பனை வரியைப் பற்றிக் கேட்கின்றபோது, தென் ஆற்காட்டில் குடிப்பதைப் பற்றிப் பேசுகிறார்கள். இவ்வாறு நடப்பதற்கு காரணம் அதிகாரிகளின் குறையே, அஜாக்கிரதையே காரணமல்லவா? பொதுமக்கள் மீது குறை சொல்லி என்ன பிரயோஜனம் ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" இது சரியான கேள்வி அல்ல. இதை இப்போது கேட்கக்கூடாது."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I do not know, how the hon. Member is warranted in drawing that conclusion. He is entirely wrong."

Memorandum from the staff of Panoor P.C.C. Society.

* 227 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Collector of Malabar has received a memorandum, dated 10th September 1953, from the members of the staff of Panoor P.C.C. Society, North Malabar, requesting the Government to give preference to the unemployed and retrenched P.C.C. Society staff whenever Government appoint persons to services like District Boards, Panchayat Boards, Municipalities, Firka Development Department, Co-operative Department and Community Projects, etc.; and, if so, what action Government have taken on the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No such memorandum has been received by the Collector of Malabar."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I extend the question-hour by five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Defalcation in the South Kanara District Treasury.

* 228 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 10 a.m.

(*a*) the total amount found involved in the South Kanara District Treasury defalcation;

(*b*) the period over which such defalcation had been going on;

(*c*) the total amount recovered by the Government; and

(*d*) what steps the Government have taken to recover the balance, if any?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) The total amount of defalcation is Rs. 3,25,137.

" (*b*) The defalcation was going on since February 1947.

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"(c) The value of the assets of Sri and Srimathi Roberts which have come to light so far during investigation and seized by the police is Rs. 1,02,451-4-9. The Collector has recovered a cash of Rs. 57,451-4-9.

"(d) The case has been entrusted to the Inspector-General of Police for investigation and report. The Government have also sanctioned the filing of a civil suit against Sri and Srimathi Roberts for the recovery of money and attachment of all properties."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, how many times has this treasury been audited during this period?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot answer it off-hand, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Have the Government gone into the question as to how the papers did not disclose these inaccuracies, if there were any, during the time of the audit?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It was not detected during the time of the audit. In fact, it was found out by another clerk afterwards. The defalcation had been done in such a nice and subtle manner that it could not be easily detected in the normal course."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Have any persons been prosecuted for defalcation of funds?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that the matter had been reported to the Inspector-General of Police. His report is awaited. A civil suit is to be launched against the persons concerned."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Who is the good man who discovered the defalcation?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" He is another clerk by name Vythianathan. But he has also been put under arrest."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, how Mrs. Roberts is involved in this offence?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" She is involved probably because some of the properties are held in her name."

Grant of lands for house-sites in Malabar.

* 229 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state why the policy of granting 15 cents of land to Harijans for a house-site has not been implemented in Malabar?